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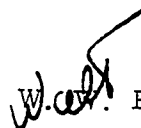
MR. PRESIDENT:

You asked yesterday when did you decide to accept Bunker's and Westy's recommendation that the Tet truce be cancelled in I Corps and that there be no bombing halt south of Vinh.

The message was received here at 9:05 a.m., Wednesday, January 24. It was considered by State and Defense during the day. I informed you that Secretaries Rusk and McNamara, as well as the JCS, supported the recommendation sometime early in the evening of January 24. Washington's concurrence in the recommendation was dispatched at 8:09 p.m., January 24, after I informed State of your concurrence.

Incidentally, I recall that when I made the proposal to you, your response was not only instantaneous, but you said something like: "I'm ready to cancel the whole thing."

The relevant cables are attached, including Bunker's and Westy's approach to Thieu, and the announced cancellation which was held purposely until January 29 so that the enemy would not be alerted to our change in posture.

 W. W. Rostow

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